Integrated textile parks

254. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up 25 integrated textile parks before the end of 2007, with an investment of Rs. 18,500 crore;

(b) if so, the States where the integrated textile parks are going to be set up;

(c) whether any cities/locations have been identified in Andhra Pradesh under this programme;

(d) the number of employment opportunities going to be provided once the parks are set up;

(e) whether the 20 handloom clusters that have been set up last year with an estimated expenditure of Rs. 50 crores are part of the integrated textile parks programme; and

(f) if so, whether Government propose to set up such cluster in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Government has launched the 'Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP)' to provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units. This scheme is based on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) and would facilitate textile units to meet international standards. Industry Association/Group of Entrepreneurs would be the main promoters of the Integrated Textile Parks.

(b) So far 26 projects have been approved under the SITP. State-wise location is—Andhra Pradesh (4), Gujarat (6), Karnataka (1), Maharashtra (6), Rajasthan (2), Tamil Nadu (5), Uttar Pradesh (1) and West Bengal (1).

(c) Four (4) projects have been sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh namely, 'Brandix India Apparel City, Vishakhapatnam', 'Hyderabad Hi-tech Weaving Park, Kothur, Mahboob Nagar' 'Hindupur Vyapar Apparel Park, Ananthpur' and 'Pochampally Handloom Park, Pochampally, Nalgonda'.

(d) Estimated employment generation in the 26 parks approved is around 5.29 lakh (1.93 lakh direct and 3.36 lakh indirect).

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Sale of lands of NTC mills

255. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sold the land of five National Textile Corporation (NTC) mills in Mumbai to the highest bidders in the year 2005 and that the highest bidders were the real estate developers and the builders;

(b) if so, the details of the low cost housing made/to be made by these developers and builders on these lands; and

(c) whether there is any proposal by Government to sell the land of the remaining NTC mills in Mumbai by inviting tenders in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) As per the Integrated Development Scheme (IDS) approved by the Government of Maharashtra for 7 mills, NTC has sold the land of five mills in Mumbai during the year 2005 to the highest bidders irrespective of their business background, subject to qualifying the eligibility criteria as per the tender document. It has been decided to surrender the remaining two mills, namely Indu Mill No. 2 & 3 and New Hind Textile Mills to Brihan Mumbai Corporation (BMC) and Maharashtra Housing Area Development Authority (MHADA) respectively as 1/3rd share each for BMC (for Recreation Ground/Open Greens), and 1/3rd share for MHADA (for mill worker housing/public housing) as per requirement of Development Control Regulations applicable in Mumbai.

(b) It is up to the successful bidders to chalk out a detailed development plan and get the same approved from the competent authority.

(c) Yes, Sir.